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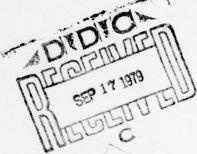
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are clean, fine to coarse quartz sand and silt and clay. Sand appears to predominate in surface deposits and to be the primary constituent of shoals and ridges present in several locales. Silt and clay deposits are the most common subbottom sediment type; clay, gravel, and till-like mixtures of sandy-silty pebbles occur locally. Indurated shale occurs in the area near New Buffalo, Michigan. Results show that the highest potential for sand is in the area between Whitehall and Saugatuck, Michigan. Smaller deposits appear to occur between Manistee and Whitehall, Michigan, and from Saugatuck to 15 kilometers (9.3 miles) south of Benton Harbor, Michigan. The region with lowest potential for sand resources is from Benton Harbor south to Burns Harbor, Indiana, where a thin veneer of sand overlies silt and clay.

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### PREFACE

This report on sand resources of southeastern Lake Michigan is one of a series which presents results of the Inner Continental Shelf Sediment and Structure (ICONS) study. The primary objective of the ICONS study is to locate offshore sand and gravel deposits suitable for beach nourishment and restoration. The work is carried out under the coastal processes program of the U.S. Army Coastal Engineering Research Center (CERC).

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### SAND RESOURCES OF SOUTHEASTERN LAKE MICHIGAN

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The construction, improvement, and periodic maintenance of beaches and dunes by placement of suitable sand along the shoreline is an important means of counteracting coastal erosion and of enhancing coastal recreational facilities (U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Coastal Engineering Research Center, 1977). In recent years, it has become increasingly difficult to obtain large volumes of suitable sand from lagoons and inland sources because of diminishing resources as well as economic and ecological factors. Accordingly, the Coastal Engineering Research Center (CERC) initiated an Inner Continental Shelf Sediment and Structure (ICONS) study to locate offshore sand resources suitable for beach fill. This report deals with the location and physical characteristics of offshore sand resources in parts of eastern and southern Lake Michigan.

A zone adjacent to the shore about 4.8 to 9.7 kilometers (3 to 6 miles) wide, extending from Manistee, Michigan, to Burns Harbor, Indiana, constitutes the study area (Fig. 1). Survey coverage of the area is shown in Figures 2 to 7. Collected data consist of 915 kilometers (569 miles) of reflection profiles and 93 cores ranging from 0.6 to 6.1 meters (2 to 20 feet) in length. In addition, side-scan sonar and low-energy seismic reflection records of each core site were obtained during coring operations. These data were supplemented by pertinent scientific and technical literature and National Ocean Survey (NOS) hydrographic data.

This report is primarily the result of a reconnaissance effort; seismic line spacing and core density are not suitably detailed for reliable delineation of offshore borrow sites. Consequently, denser data coverage and more detailed study of potential borrow sites are needed before final site selection is made for project design and construction.

## II. PROCEDURES

### 1. Seismic Survey.

Seismic reflection profiles were run along the coast of the study area following a zigzag pattern in an onshore-offshore direction (Figs. 2 to 7). Two seismic reflection profiling systems were operated simultaneously during the survey (a high-energy "boomer" system of 0.4 to 14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>U.S. ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, COASTAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER, Shore Protection Manual, 3d ed., Vols. I, II, and III, Stock No. 008-022-00113-1, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1977, 1,262 pp.

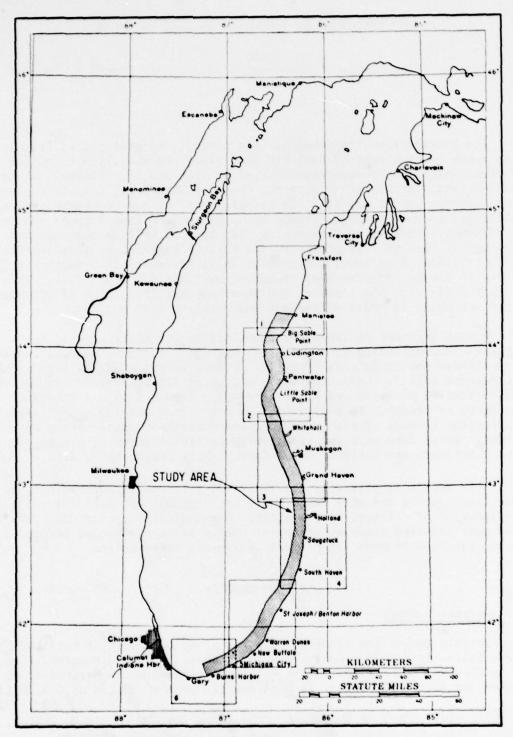


Figure 1. Lake Michigan study area. Location of survey coverage maps and general information maps shown in rectangles.

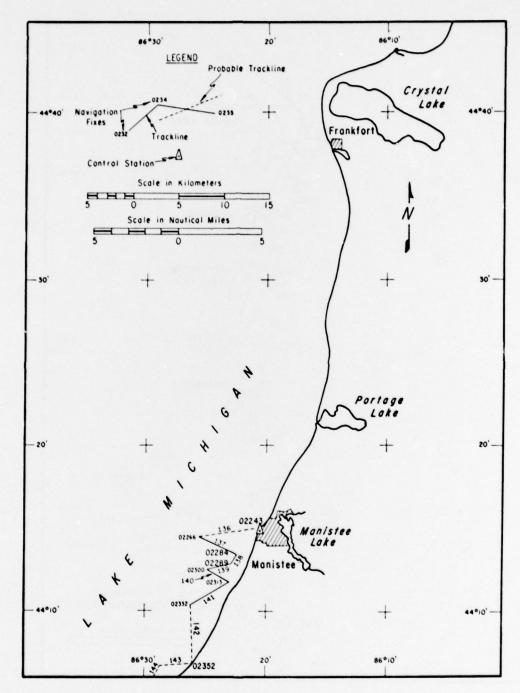


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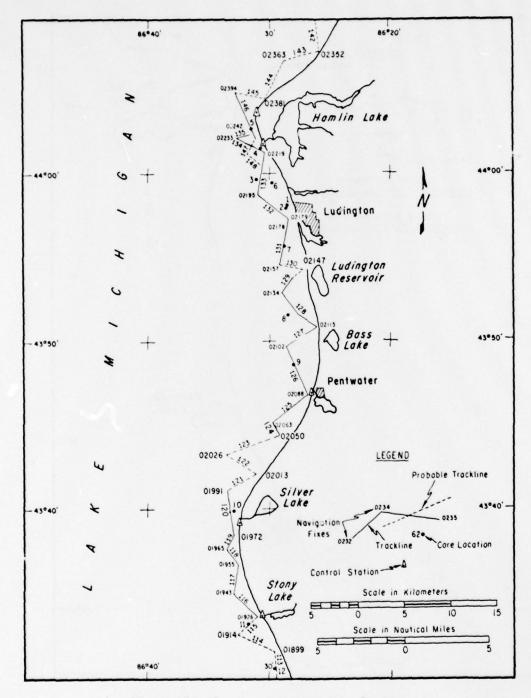


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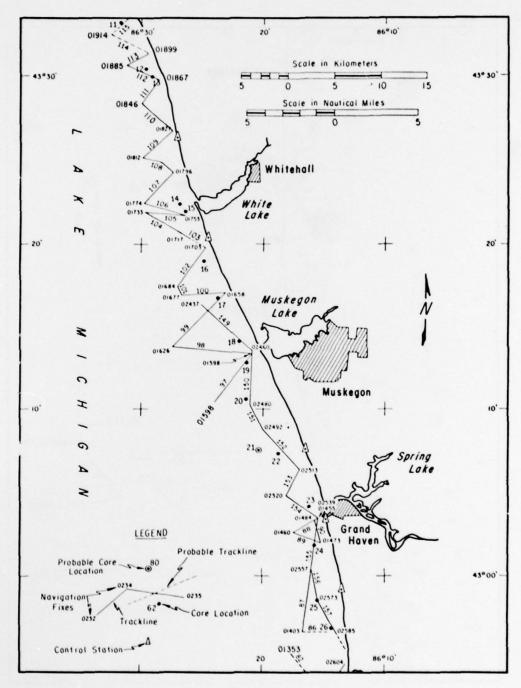


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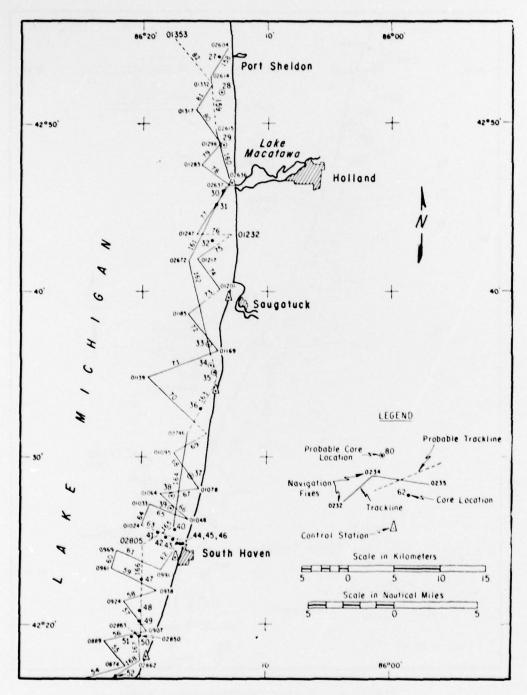


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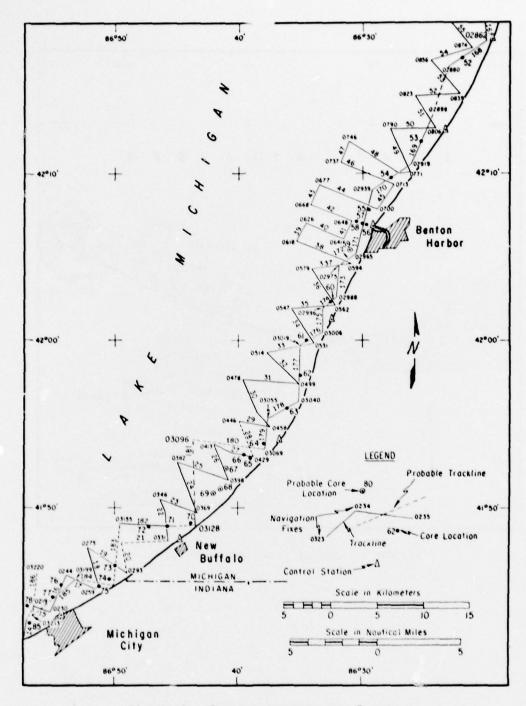


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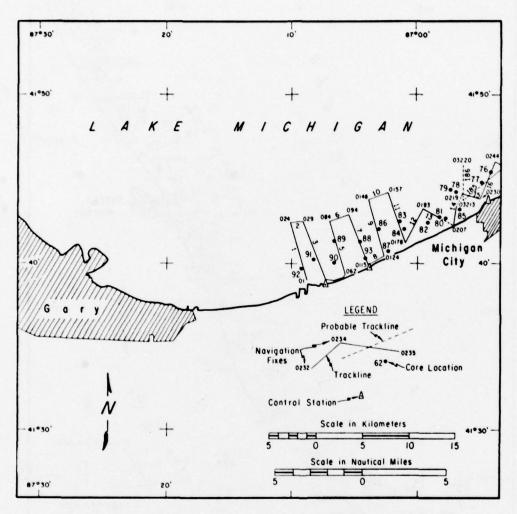


Figure 7. Survey coverage map 6 area.

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### III. RESULTS

# 1. Geologic Character of the Study Area.

- a. Bottom Topography. Depths in the study area generally increase lakeward and at the lakeward limit of survey vary from about 18 to more than 61 meters (60 to 200 feet). The most prominent lake floor relief features were submarine ridges or bars which vary from subtle, low relief undulations to distinct ridges with relief up to 6.1 meters. These shore-parallel features occur throughout the study area but are most common in the northern half. Internal reflectors in some of the larger ridges indicate that their internal bedding consists of foreset series with accretion progressing in a lakeward direction (e.g., profile 9 in App. A). Cores indicate that most, if not all, of these ridges are composed of unconsolidated sand. Near Pentwater and in the Holland area (Fig. 1) the lake floor is roughened by sets of sand waves up to 1.5 meters (5 feet) high. These may be ephemeral features which reshape or shift position in response to prevailing hydrodynamic conditions; however, study data provide no evidence on this supposition. Other lake floor features consist mostly of aggregates of submarine hills and ridges which are highly irregular in distribution, shape, and relief. This topography suggests a relict glacial surface. Areas of smooth almost featureless lake floor occur interspersed with the topographically irregular areas throughout the study area.
- b. <u>Subbottom Structure</u>. The seismic reflection profiles for this study reveal some elements of the shallow geological framework of southeastern Lake Michigan. Deeper features associated with pre-Pleistocene bedrock are generally below the depth of penetration of the seismic systems; however, it is the shallow reflectors that are most important in sand resources investigations and shallow reflector continuity is reasonably good throughout the study area. In general, the maximum depth of penetration and reflector continuity is greatest in the southern half of the area where acoustically transparent silt often occurs. Sand is dominant in the northern half except in offshore areas where thick segments of lake muds often underlie the bottom.

The absence of subbottom reflectors on the records or very shallow penetration may have been caused by the impenetrability of surficial or near-surficial deposits. Alternately, penetration may have been quite deep but the section penetrated was acoustically homogeneous and lacked suitable reflecting surfaces. Probably both factors are involved at different places. More powerful sound sources would reveal subbottom reflectors in the former case, but not in the latter case.

The interface between the first or surface sediment layer and underlying sediments is of particular interest in sand resource studies because

it often marks pronounced changes in lithology. If this interface produces a reflection, the thickness of the first layer can be determined directly from seismic reflection profiles. Where the first layer consists of suitable sand, available volumes can then be estimated. Where the first layer is unsuitable but overlies suitable deposits, the overburden thickness can be measured in the same manner.

A persistent reflector, believed in most places to mark the interface between the surficial layer and underlying deposits composed of different material, occurs in eastern Lake Michigan. This reflector (here called the *blue reflector*) was traced from line to line over a substantial part of the study area, but could not always be followed continuously. Gaps occur either because of poor record quality or insufficient acoustic contrast at the interface. The blue reflector is noted on the reduced profiles in Appendix A.

c. <u>Sediment Characteristics</u>. Brownish-colored quartz sand and light-gray silty clay are the dominant sediment lithologies found in cores from the study area (see Table). Gravel, sandy gravel, till, and shale occur locally. Where sampled the surficial sediments above the blue reflector consist of quartz sand which is fairly uniform in composition throughout the area.

Core data are not adequate to determine the distribution and character of deposits below the blue reflector. Available data suggest that these sediments probably consist chiefly of clay and silt in the area between Manistee and Pentwater, in the northern part of the area, and from Saugatuck to Burns Harbor in the southern part. Between Pentwater and Saugatuck, sand apparently underlies the blue reflector in many, if not most places; however, gravel and till-like deposits of silt, sand, and gravel occur in a few places between Saugatuck and Benton Harbor.

Sand from the study area is typically a light-brownish color (Munsell Soil Color Code 10 yr 5/3 to 10 yr 7/3) (Munsell Soil Color Charts, 1954 ed., Munsell Color Co., Inc., Baltimore, Md.). It is fine to coarse in size (Wentworth Scale) and contains little or no silt or clay. Microscopic examination of a few representative samples indicates that 80 to more than 90 percent of the grains are quartz with the remainder principally black opaques, and pale-yellow or reddish-colored translucent grains with very small amounts of calcareous material consisting of mollusk shell fragments and ostracod carapaces. Nearly all the surficial sands from the study area appear to be uniform in general character and composition.

Silty clays occur predominantly below a surficial sand cover, and are mostly light gray (N7) or light brownish gray (10 yr 6/1) in color with a few pinkish-gray (5 yr 6/2) occurrences in the northern part of the study area. The silty clay is plastic when wet and contains varying amounts of sand. The silt-clay ratio and bulk engineering properties have not been determined.

Table. Grain-size scales—soil classification (modified from U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Coastal Engineering Research Center, 1977).

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Additional sediment data in the form of core logs and granulometric characteristics are contained in Appendixes B and C.

# 2. Segment Description.

The study area is divided into 20 segments (for convenience of description), each of which is fairly uniform in bottom topography, subbottom reflector patterns, and sediment characteristics (Figs. 8 to 13). A brief segment-by-segment description of the geologic character of the area and assessment of the availability of offshore sand resources follows. High potential areas are designated in places where the sand deposits are judged to be of large volume, readily accessible, and with textural and minerological characteristics suitable for beach fill.

- a. <u>Segment 1</u>. This segment is dominated by a large north-south trending linear shoal that fronts the northern part of the segment and merges with the shoreface in the southern half (profile 1, App. A). No cores were obtained from the segment; thus, the character of the sediment is uncertain. If the surficial layer contains suitable material, an analysis of the seismic data indicates that the thickest deposits probably occur along the western margin of the shoal near the north end of the segment.
- b. Segment 2. Segment 2 includes Big Sable Point and peripheral areas to the north and south. Seismic records did not show subbottom reflectors in this area, suggesting the surficial layer is probably very thick off the main part of the point. In any case, dredging is not recommended off Big Sable Point because of the steep bottom slope and possible adverse effect on slope stability. The best prospects for obtaining sand are judged to be near the northern and southern ends of this segment where the bottom slopes are gentle and there are several ridges which may contain suitable sand. Cores 4 and 5 from the southern part of the segment contain clean, fine sand which is very uniform in size and character throughout the cores.
- c. Segment 3. A smooth to jagged bottom topography prevails in segment 3 (profile 3, App. A). The blue reflector crops out or is only a few feet below the lake floor on all profiles; thus, the surficial layer appears to be thin and discontinuous. All of the cores taken in this segment (cores 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7) contain soft reddish-brown clay which either crops out or is thinly mantled by sand. The thickest sand layer occurs at the site of cores 1 and 2 where 0.6 and 1.8 meters (2 and 6 feet), respectively, of clean, medium sand overlies the clay layer. On the basis of present information the best area for further exploration in this segment is in the locale of cores 1 and 2.
- d. Segment 4. The lake floor in this segment contains a number of broad smooth-surfaced ridges up to 3.0 meters (10 feet) high (profile 4, App. A). The blue reflector crops out or is very shallow in the swales between these ridges. The most promising locale for sand resources is in the southern part of the segment where the ridges have the greatest

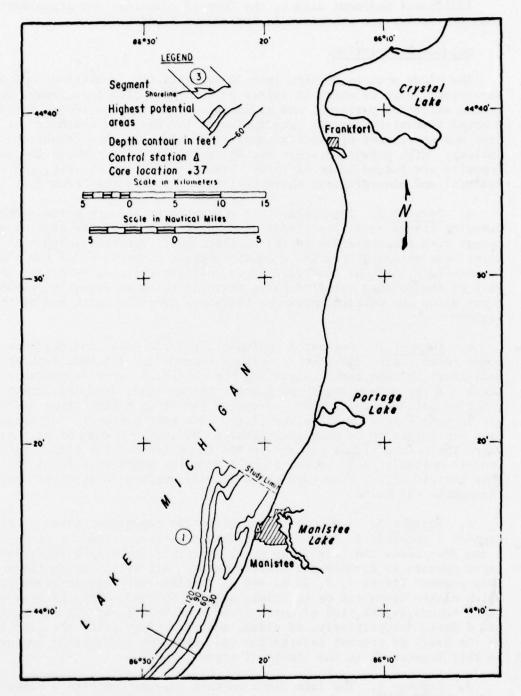


Figure 8. Bathymetry and sand potential, segment division 1, map 1 area.

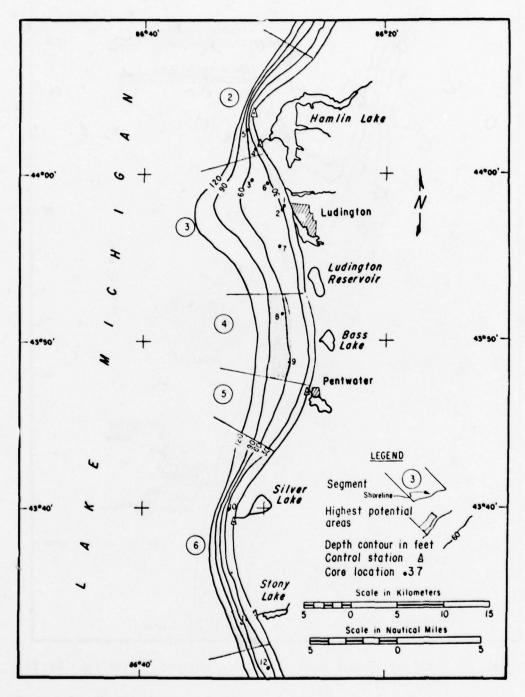


Figure 9. Bathymetry and sand potential, segment divisions 2 to 6, map 2 area.

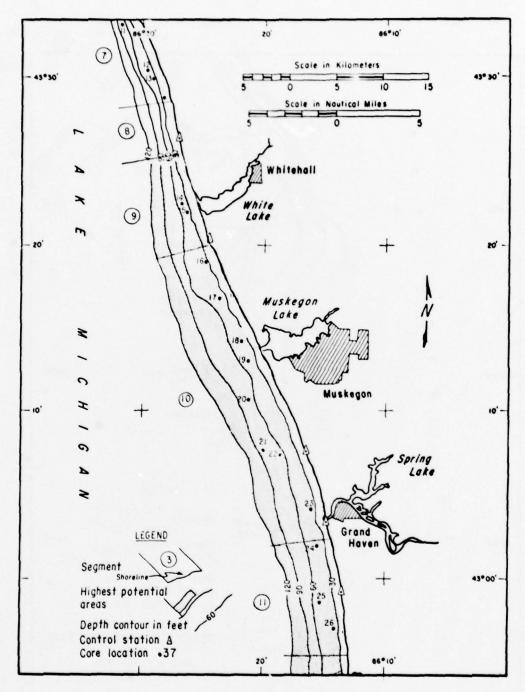


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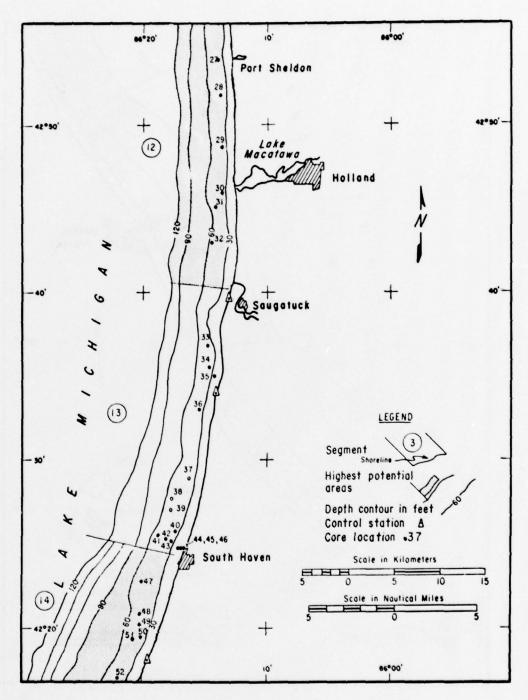


Figure 11. Bathymetry and sand potential, segment divisions 12, 13, and 14, map 4 area.

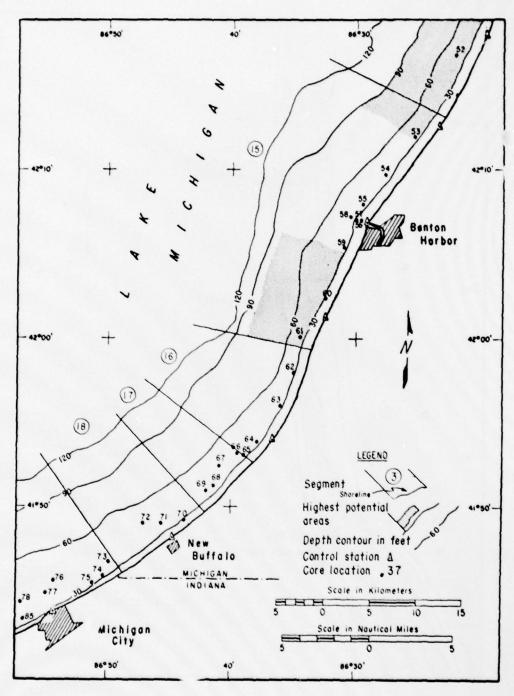


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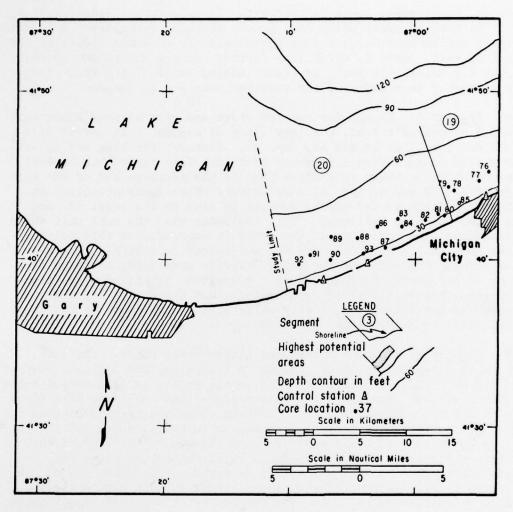


Figure 13. Bathymetry and sand potential, segment divisions 19 and 20, map 6 area.

relief and the surface layer is thickest. Core 9, from a ridge cresting at 16.8 meters (55 feet) below lake level, contains 2.6 meters (8.5 feet) of clean, medium sand which may be characteristic of other ridges in the segment as well. Core 8, which lies farther seaward and to the north, contains 4.9 meters (16 feet) of clean, medium sand. The bottom topography at core 8 is seaward of the surveyed zone and is unknown.

- e. Segment 5. Except for one low ridge and sets of sand waves with up to 1.5 meters of relief, the lake floor of segment 5 is essentially featureless (profiles 5A and 5B, App. A). Inshore, the blue reflector is generally no more than 1.5 meters below the lake floor, but becomes deeper offshore as shown in profile 5B. At the southern end of the sector (profiles 5B and 6, App. A) a reflector, which apparently lies at considerable depth to the north, appears to rise to the level of, and merge with, the blue reflector. This indicates that the rock unit which underlies the blue reflector to the north is succeeded at this point by another rock unit. Core data are not sufficient to reliably determine the lithologic character of the units directly underlying the blue reflector to the north and south of this transition point; however, from the limited data available it seems likely that the underlying unit to the north of the transition is clay while that to the south is probably glacial drift or relict lake floor sand.
- f. Segment 6. Segment 6 includes Little Sable Point. The lake floor in this segment is steep, smooth to irregular, and includes several large ridges. The blue reflector lies mostly at 6.1 to 18.3 meters below the lake floor but comes closer to the surface in an offshore direction. Cores 10 and 11 in the segment both contain clean quartz sand ranging in size from fine to medium (core 11) to medium to coarse (core 10). Prospects for obtaining suitable sand are good throughout the segment; however, as at Big Sable Point, the steepness of the bottom slope may dictate limitations on offshore borrow operations. For this reason the southern third of the segment, where milder inshore bottom slopes prevail, is considered the best area for potential offshore sand sources.
- g. Segment 7. Segment 7 contains a series of ridges having 1.5 to 4.6 meters (5 to 15 feet) of relief. The blue reflector is shallow or crops out between the ridges but is buried as much as 6.1 meters beneath the ridge sediments. Cores 12 and 13 taken in this segment contain predominantly fine sand. Many ridges in this area may contain abundant sand; however, most lie in more than 18.3 meters of water.
- h. Segment 8. This is a short segment of smooth lake bottom with a 3.1- to 6.1-meter accumulation of sediment above the blue reflector. No cores were taken in this segment; however, if the surf layer is sand, a large volume of material might be obtained in the area.
- i. Segment 9. Bottom topography in segment 9 varies from smooth to irregular. Several large ridges of up to 6.1 meters relief occur seaward of the 15.2-meter (50 feet) isobath (profile 9, App. A). The blue reflector increases from less than 1.5 meters below the lake floor out to about

- -16.8-meter (-55 feet) water depths, to more than 6.1 meters below lake floor farther offshore. Cores 14 and 15 from this segment contain clean, medium sand. Good prospects for sand borrow exist throughout the segment, especially lakeward of the 15.2-meter isobath.
- j. <u>Segment 10</u>. The lake floor in this segment is mostly smooth but contains some low ridges (profile 10, App. A). The blue reflector appears to vary from 0 to about 4.6 meters below the lake floor. Eight cores from this segment (cores 16 to 23) contain clean, fine to medium sand indicating large quantities of suitable sand are distributed throughout the segment.
- k. Segment 11. Several ridges with up to 3.1 meters relief occur in segment 11 (profile 11, App. A). The blue reflector is not evident inshore, but appears offshore where it crops out between the ridges. Cores 24, 25, and 26 from this segment contain 1.2 to 3.1 meters (4 to 10 feet) of clean, medium sand overlying fine sand. The best prospects for sand appear to be in the ridges.
- 1. Segment 12. The lake floor in this segment is predominantly smooth; however, it is interrupted by a series of sand waves with up to 1.5 meters of relief distributed throughout the segment (profile 12, App. A). The blue reflector is not apparent over most of this segment. Cores 27 to 32 contain clean, fine to medium sand. Core 30 also has a 0.6-meter layer of sandy pea gravel. There appears to be good potential for suitable sand in this segment.
- Segment 13. A marked change in the character of the bottom and subbottom occurs in this segment. The lake floor is smooth to irregular with relief up to 3.1 meters. The topography is much less regular than in the ridge and swale areas to the north, and the lake floor along profiles 13A and 13B (App. A) has a jagged rather than smooth texture. Subbottom reflectors are fragmentary or missing in most of the segment; however, on line 164 the lake floor is underlain by a section of parallel, closely spaced reflectors that are somewhat distorted (profile 13A, App. A). Cores 33 to 46 from segment 13 are predominantly sand but gray clay and silt underlie the sand layer in seven cores. Gravel occurs in four cores. The surface sand layer is thickest (3.1 meters) at core 36 which is probably the best area for obtaining sand in segment 13. The gravelly sediments which occur in cores 33, 41, 42, and 44 are heterogenuous in size, mixed with sand and silt, and appear to be thin till deposits. The upper 0.6 meter in core 42 consists of clean, well-sorted granules and small pebbles. This deposit may be of value as construction aggregate.
- n. Segment 14. In this segment the lake floor again becomes relatively regular and smooth but contains some ridges with up to 3.1 meters relief (profile 14A and 14B, App. A). The blue reflector is not apparent in most places and where evident it lies close to the lake floor. Cores 47 to 52 contain clean sand and the clay, silt, and gravel deposits occurring in segment 13 either do not extend into this area or were missed

by the cores. The thickest sand deposits are probably in the ridges of the northern part of the segment.

- o. Segment 15. The lake floor in segment 15 is relatively smooth and featureless. Only a few short and discontinuous subbottom reflectors appear on profiles 15A and 15B (App. A). Cores 53 to 61 were obtained in this segment. Core 54 contains very fine gray sand. The remaining cores all contain fine to medium sand with layers of sandy granules and pebbles. In cores 58 to 59 the surficial sand layer is less than 1.2 meters thick and is underlain by gray silty clay and till. The best prospects for suitable sand are near the north end and the southern third of the segment.
- p. Segment 16. In segment 16 the lake floor is also relatively smooth and featureless (profile 16, App. A). The blue reflector appears to be at or very near the surface in most places. A deeper reflector which rises to the lake floor on this segment is probably the top of a shale unit cored in segment 17. All but one core from this segment (cores 62 to 66) contain a thin sand layer less than 0.5 meter (1.5 feet) thick overlying gray clay. In core 64 the sand layer is 1.7 meters (5.5 feet) thick and the locale of this core site is probably the best area for potential sand borrow. Elsewhere, prospects for obtaining large volumes of sand appear to be poor.
- q. Segment 17. The dominant feature of segment 17 is a low mound with an extremely jagged surface characterized by a shale outcrop. The surface of the shale creates a strong subbottom reflector in places peripheral to the outcrop where it is buried beneath younger sediments (profile 17, App. A). All three cores (cores 67, 68, and 69) from this segment were in the shale outcrop area. None penetrated more than 0.5 meter into this highly resistant material. Little or no sand occurs in the shale outcrop area, but sand deposits may exist around the periphery.
- r. Segment 18. A series of low ridges 1.5 to 3.1 meters high characterize the lake floor in this segment (profile 18, App. A). The blue reflector crops out between the ridges, but lies up to 3.1 meters beneath the ridge areas and is occasionally incised by 4.6-meter-deep channellike depressions (profile 18, App. A). Cores 70 to 73 were obtained in this segment. Core 73 contains only sand; the remaining cores contain sand overlying gray silt and clay. Limited quantities of clean sand can probably be obtained from the ridge areas. The cleanest and coarsest sand occurs in core 73 from the southern part of the segment.
- s. Segment 19. The bottom topography in this segment varies from no relief to low undulating ridges and swales of about 1.5 meters relief. The blue reflector crops out in most places but may lie as much as 2.4 meters (8 feet) below some of the ridges. Cores 74 to 79 and core 85 contain mostly gray clay and silt with a surficial sand layer of 0.6 meter or less in thickness. Prospects for recovering large quantities of sand in this segment are poor. The best places for further investigation are the ridge areas in the southern part of the segment.

t. Segment 20. The lake floor in segment 20 is smooth to slightly undulating with low ridges up to 1.5 meters high. The blue reflector crops out throughout most of the area. Cores 81 to 93 were taken in this segment. With one exception, these cores contain a predominance of gray silt and clay covered by a thin sand veneer less than 0.6 meter thick. Core 91 contains a 1.2-meter layer of fine to very fine sand overlying the clay. A thin layer of gravel occurs at the top of cores 81 and 83, and a 0.3-meter (1 foot) layer of granules occurs at -1 meter (-3 feet) in core 84. In general, prospects for obtaining sand or gravel in quantity from this segment are poor. Some low, broad ridges which occur in the northern part of the segment are probably the best sites for further exploration.

### IV. SUMMARY

The eastern shore of Lake Michigan between Manistee, Michigan, and Burns Harbor, Indiana, was surveyed to locate offshore sand deposits suitable for use in beach restoration and maintenance. Survey data consist of seismic reflection profiles along 915 kilometers (569 miles) of trackline and 93 cores up to 6.1 meters (20 feet) long. These data were from water depths ranging from about 3.7 to 37.0 meters (12 to 120 feet).

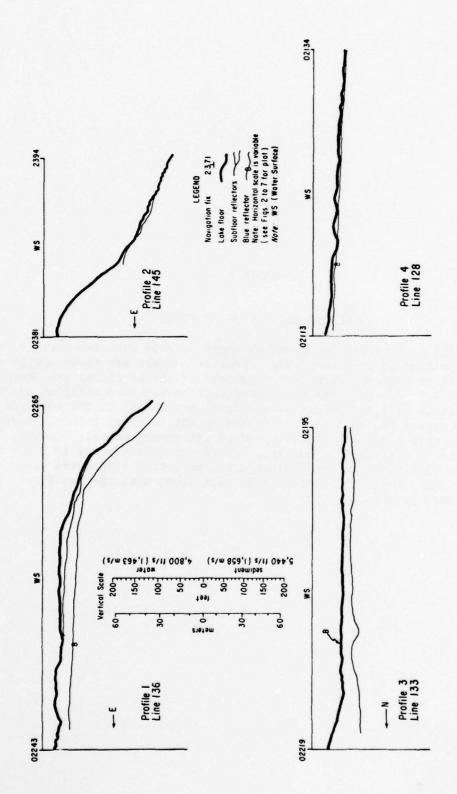
The predominant sediment types occurring in the study area are clean, fine to coarse quartz sand and silty clay. Sand is the characteristic surficial deposit. Silty clay is most characteristic of the shallow subbottom deposits. Clay, gravel, and till-like mixtures of silt, sand, pebbles, and cobbles occur locally. Shale occurs in one small area near New Buffalo, Michigan.

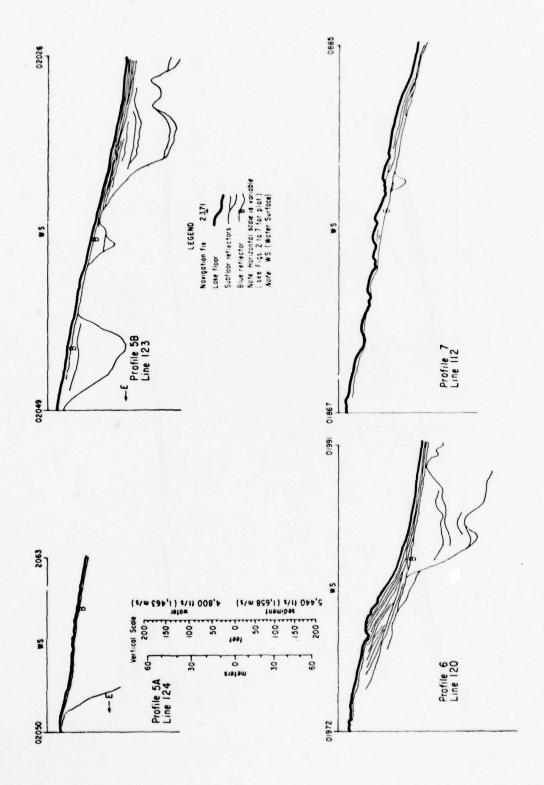
The best potential for offshore sand resources is in the area between Whitehall and Saugatuck, Michigan. Localized deposits with good potential occur in several places between Manistee and Whitehall, Michigan, and from Saugatuck to 15 kilometers (9.3 miles) south of Benton Harbor, Michigan. The area of lowest potential is that from Benton Harbor southward to Burns Harbor, Indiana, where only a thin veneer of surficial sand overlies silt and clay deposits.

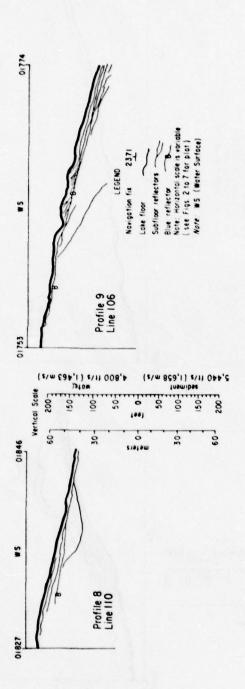
### APPENDIX A

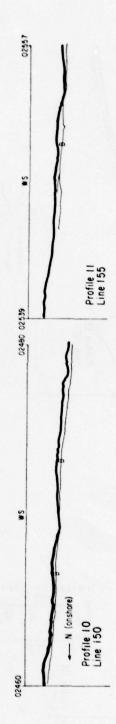
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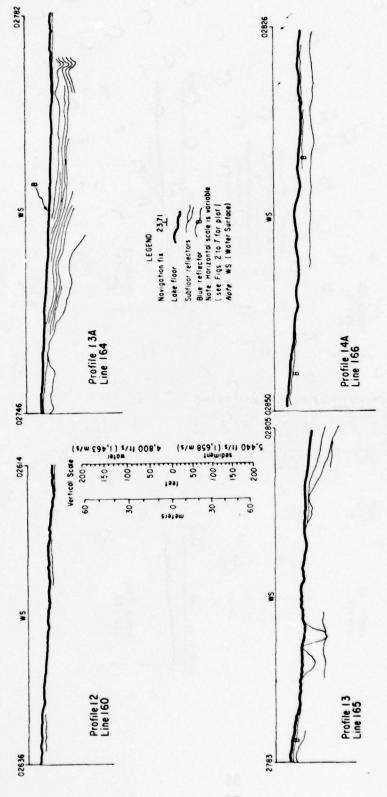
Appendix A contains line profiles prepared from selected seismic reflection records of the study area. Profile numbers are those assigned to the coastal segment which they represent. Line locations are shown in Figures 2 to 7. The vertical scales were constructed using an assumed sound velocity of 1,463 meters (4,800 feet) per second in the water column and 1,658 meters (5,440 feet) per second in the sediment column. Horizontal scales vary according to the speed of the survey vessel; however, line lengths can be estimated by reference to the trackline plots in Figures 2 to 7. The blue reflector is indicated by the letter B inserted along the reflector line (where the reflector is coincident with the sea floor, the B is inserted on the sea floor line).

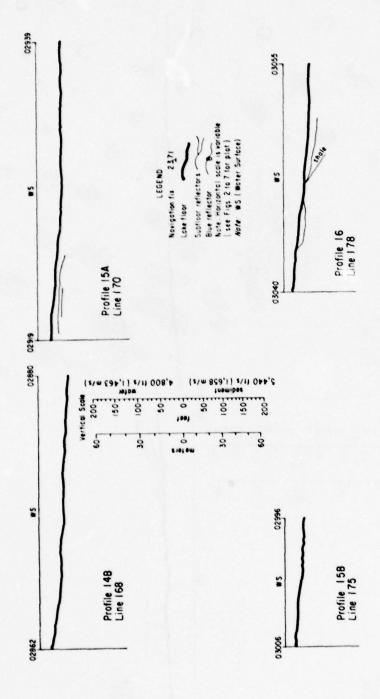


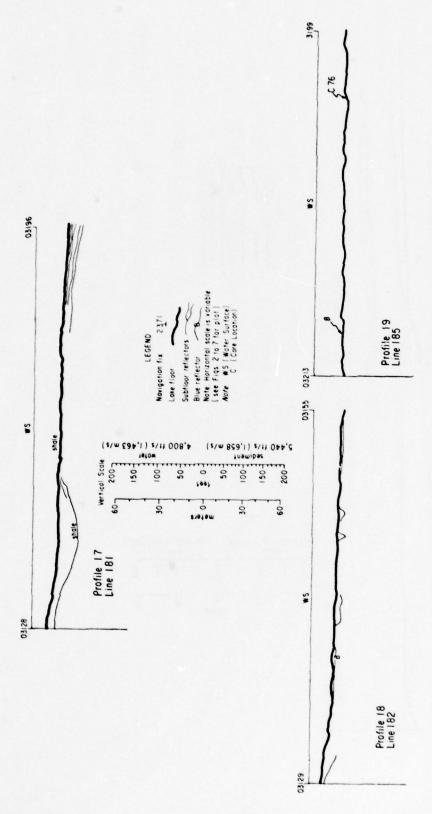


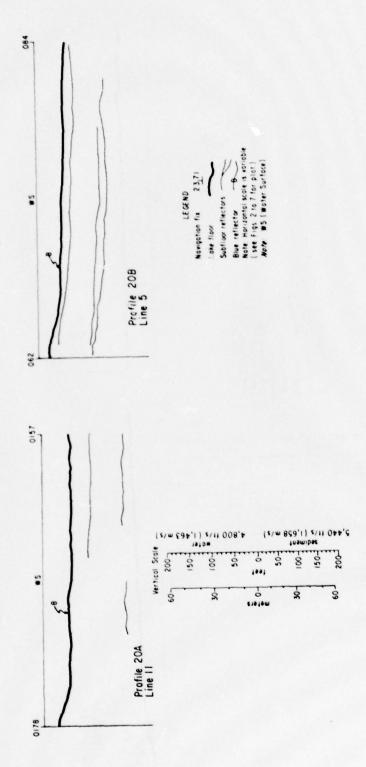








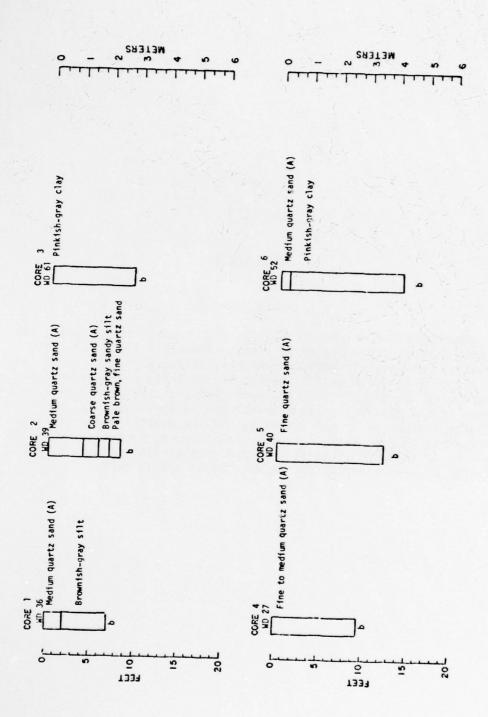


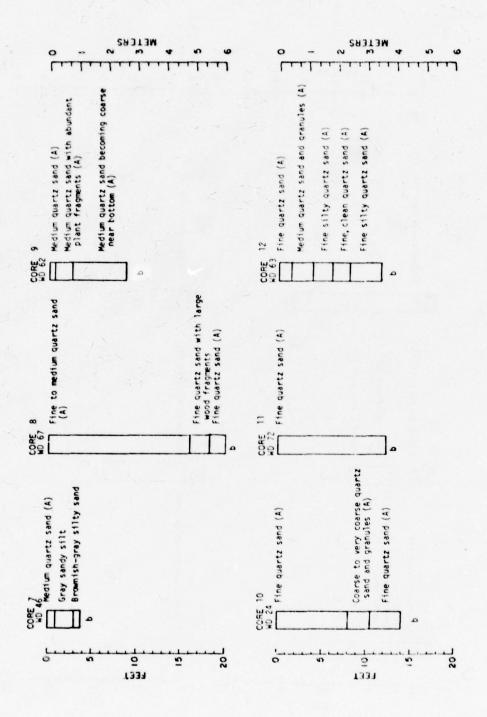


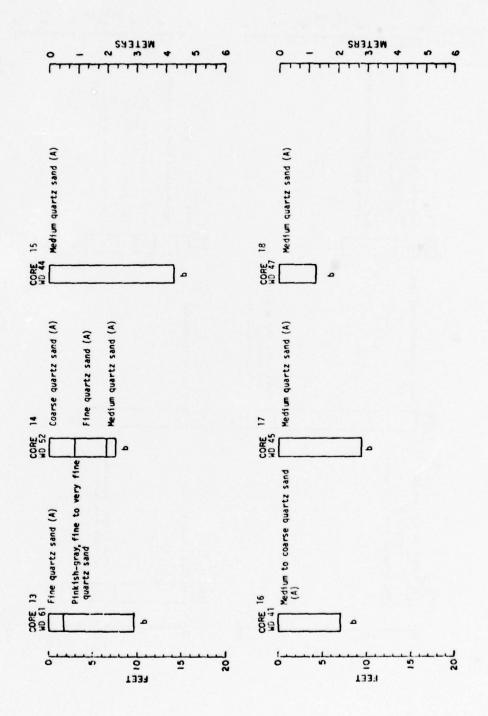
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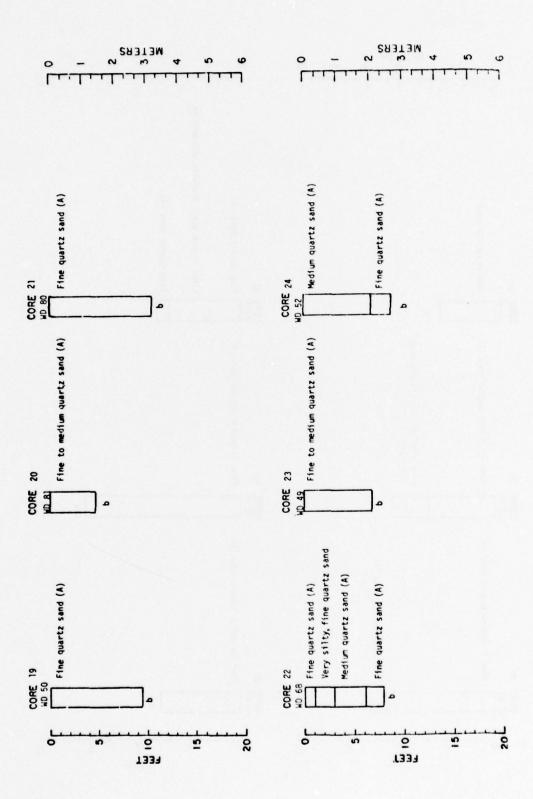
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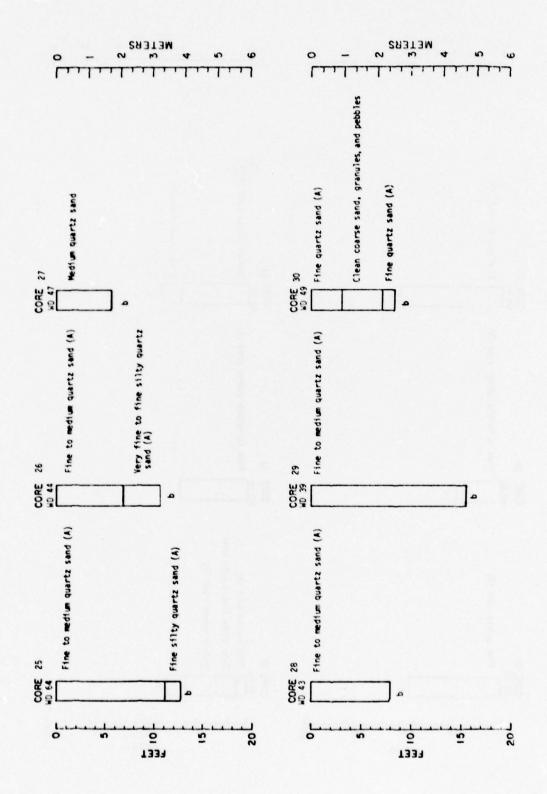
Appendix B contains visual logs of the cores taken during the ICONS survey. To avoid repetition, sediments falling into the general category of those described as surficial sands in Section III,1,c of the text are designated by the letter A in parentheses following the description; sediments falling into the general category of the gray silty clays (described in the same Sec.) are similarly designated by the letter B. On the graphic logs, vertical divisions between lithologies are indicated by segment lines. The bottom of the core is indicated by a segment line underlain by the letter b. Water depths (WD on core logs) are in feet.

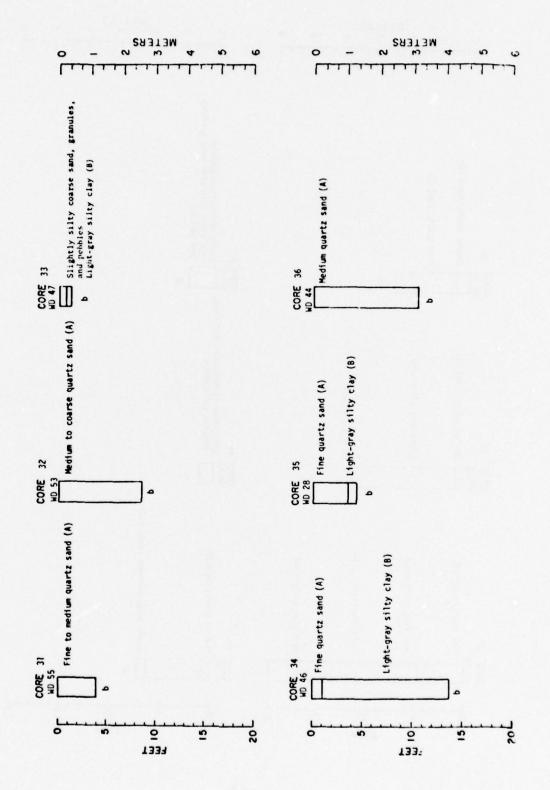


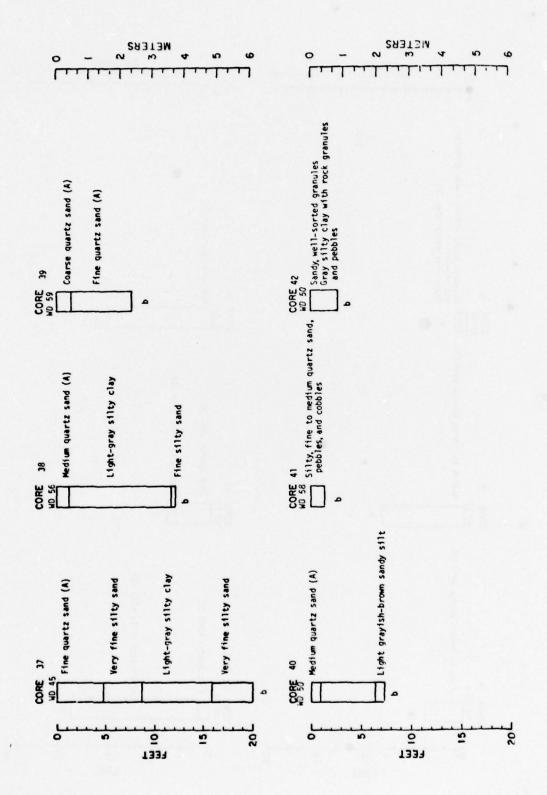


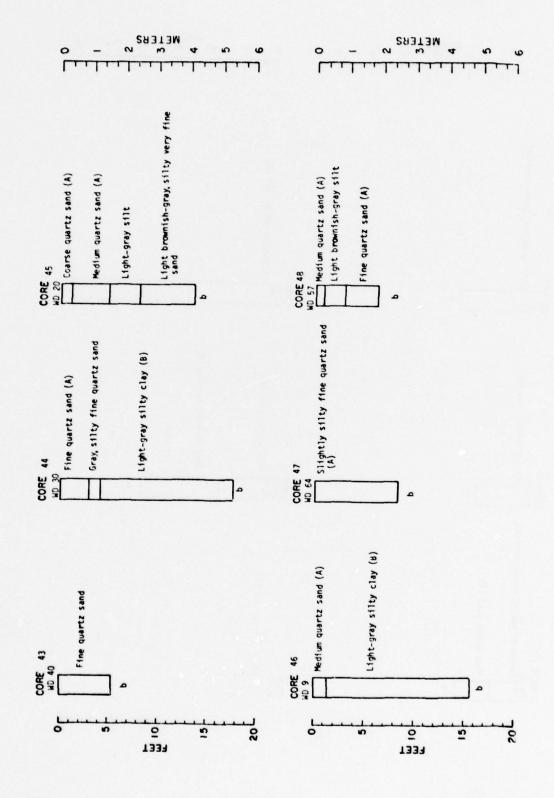


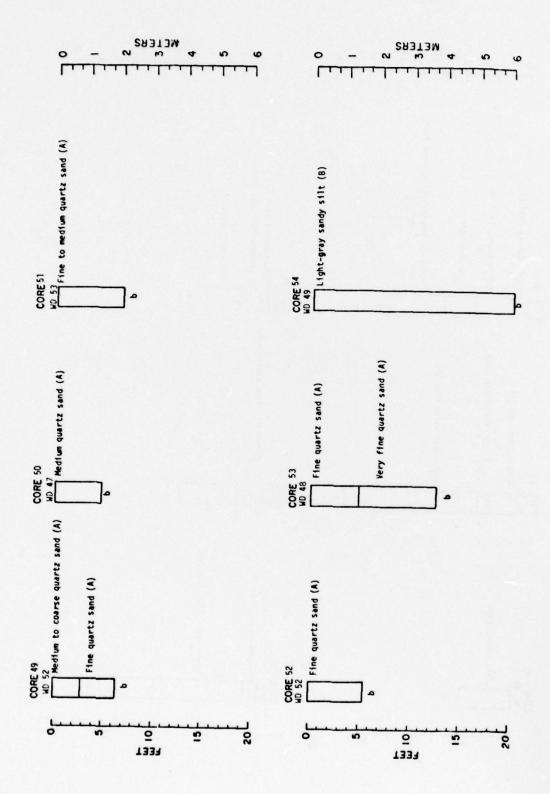


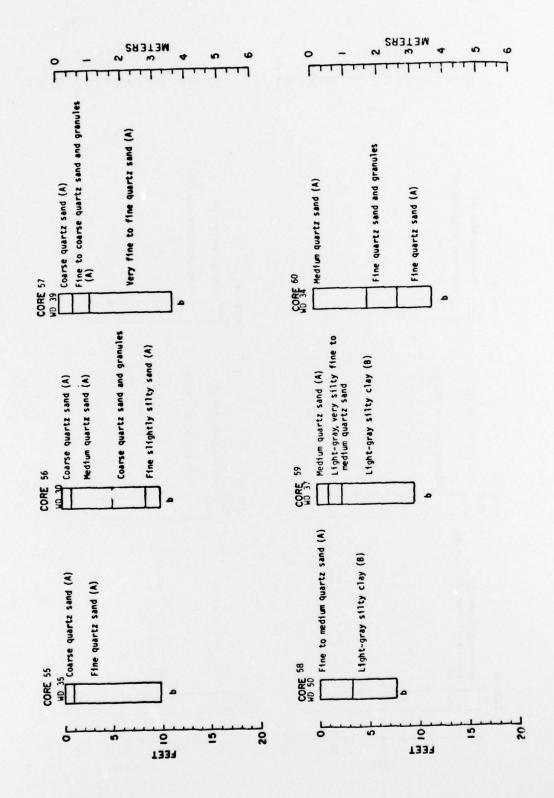


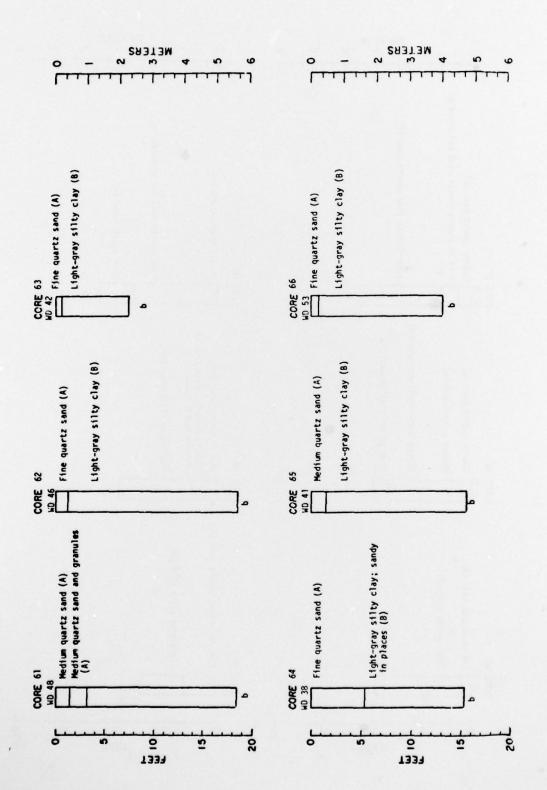


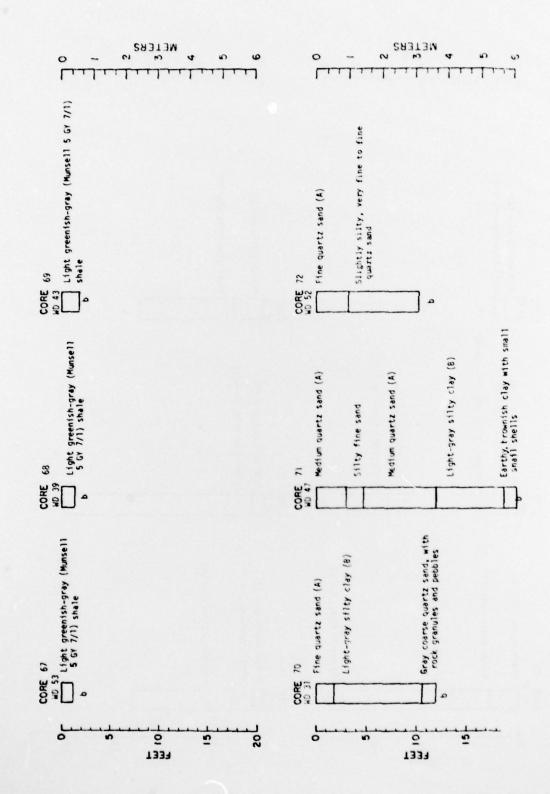


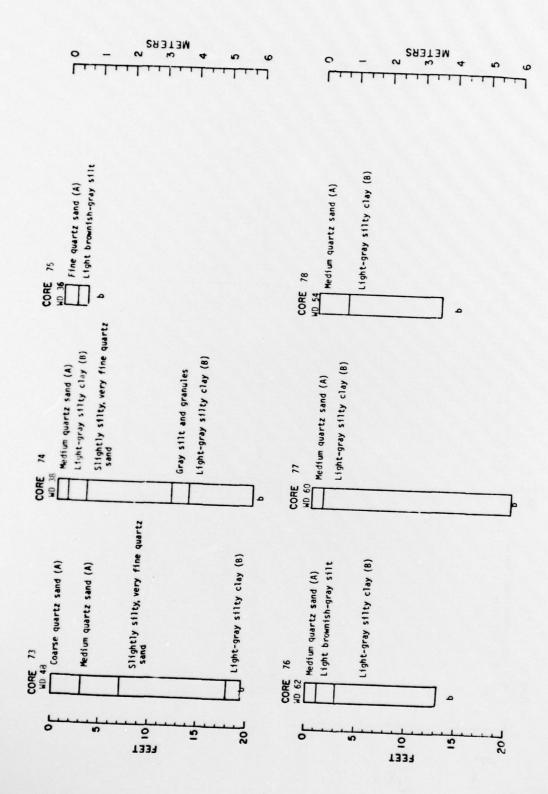


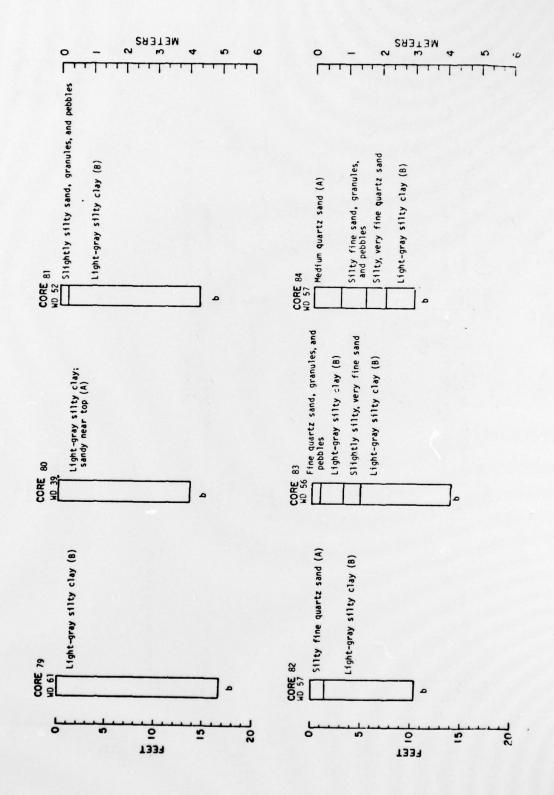


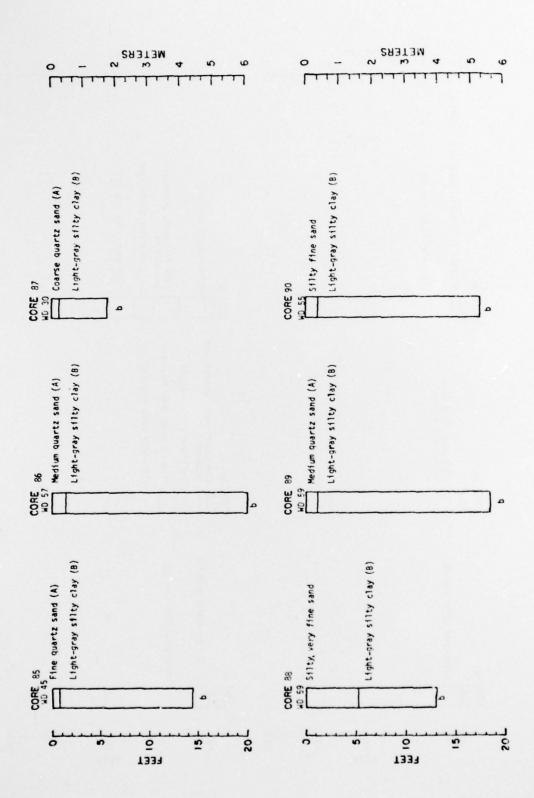


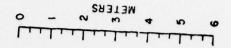


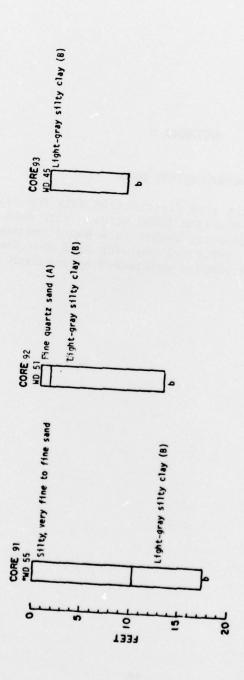












## APPENDIX C

## GRANULOMETRIC DATA

This appendix contains size distribution data for selected samples extracted from the Lake Michigan ICONS cores. Size data on sand samples determined by the fall velocity method in a Rapid Sediment Analyzer are presented in Table C-1. Table C-2 contains size distribution data for selected sand and gravel samples determined by standard sieve analysis.

Table C-1. Distribution of size classes by frequency percentages.

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Table C.2. Sieve data in cumulative percent of stated diameter.

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		mm	16.0	11.1	7.9	9.6	4.0	2.8	2.0	1.4	1.0	0.710	0.500	0.354	0.250	0.177	0.125	0.088	0.063
10	-10					2.1	5.2	10.1	15.2	24.0	39.0	70.4	93.4	5.56	1.96	1.79	2.66	8.66	6.66
12	7				3.1	8.7	10.6	17.6	23.8	28.9	31.6	34.9	41.3	51.2	8.29	91.8	92.4	8.86	4.66
15	۴		0.9	7.5	10.7	13.4	16.5	20.3	23.4	25.4	26.4	27.2	28.0	29.7	40.0	65.0	89.5	2.96	98.6
16	7			3.1	5.4	10.4	15.3	22.2	27.8	31.3	33.1	34.4	36.5	43.6	73.3	94.2	99.3	8.66	6.66
25	7				1.2	3.5	8.0	13.2	17.3	21.5	26.6	33.6	42.3	6.84	55.4	63.0	74.6	6.98	90.3
28	7				3.1	5.1	1.2	10.9	14.3	18.4	23.2	8.62	36.7	40.5	46.6	54.2	8.19	83.5	88.4
88	۴				4.3	11.7	18.0	21.7	24.5	27.1	29.2	32.0	36.3	38.7	41.0	45.5	63.6	83.1	93.7
53	۴				5.4	13.5	19.9	26.6	32.5	37.9	42.7	48.2	59.0	0.17	84.9	90.5	94.6	99.2	9.66
30	7				19.2	25.8	29.6	33.3	34.9	36.6	38.8	44.1	57.7	74.3	89.1	95.0	98.3	8.66	6.66
30	۴			5.9	30.0	44.7	52.6	58.0	61.7	65.1	0.89	72.4	7.67	88.3	92.7	94.0	96.3	98.4	8.86
33	Top		35.0	36.6	39.1	41.6	46.0	8.64	53.4	57.8	63.1	69.2	77.3	86.5	93.4	0.96	97.2	98.1	98.6
36	۴		9.9	9.6	9.61	27.2	28.9	32.1	33.7	35.5	36.7	38.3	41.2	47.0	8.99	7.4.7	93.2	98.4	99.2
39	Top				1.3	3.5	6.9	13.0	20.0	25.2	28.7	33.1	42.2	9.09	82.1	91.6	95.1	98.3	99.5
41	Top		38.8	46.1	50.4	52.2	55.1	58.4	59.9	61.1	61.9	63.1	9.99	74.0	86.2	92.4	92.6	97.2	0.86
4	7		40.5	45.4	20.0	52.0	55.0	59.5	61.5	62.7	63.7	64.8	8.99	71.4	9.62	85.5	2.06	93.7	95.5
42	Top				2.1	0.7	21.2	47.2	9.19	6.99	8.89	71.5	76.4	84.6	92.7	95.0	0.96	0.86	0.66
42	7				22.9	20.7	36.9	49.1	63.9	72.2	75.0	0.87	82.5	0.68	96.2	986	1.66	99.3	99.5
8	۴				1.4	4.9	5.8	6.7	10.7	14.4	18.9	24.9	35.0	49.6	4.17	9.4.6	0.96	99.2	9.66
28	۴			8.2	9.1	9.01	12.4	15.6	6.61	26.5	33.5	46.3	1.19	72.4	81.5	87.5	95.1	99.2	9.66
57	7				1.9	4.0	6.5	10.1	14.1	161	25.8	36.1	53.0	69.3	7.77	85.0	98.5	7.66	8.66
09	۴				3.0	5.7	2.3	10.2	13.2	17.1	22.6	31.0	43.1	54.6	67.2	2.62	94.9	0.66	4.66
3	۴				0.42	1.9	3.6	6.4	9.01	17.2	27.8	8.04	53.6	62.1	71.3	85.4	2.96	7.86	0.66
19	-2		4.4	5.1	8.0	8.5	10.1	11.2	13.8	18.6	96.5	38.4	59.3	79.5	92.4	96.4	0.66	2.66	6.66
19	6					0.54	0.00	1.5	2.8	5.9	13.6	28.7	51.6	69.2	85.5	95.6	97.5	99.5	6.66
74	-12					1.9	4.5	11.4	25.2	43.8	9.99	63.8	67.5	7.07	74.4	4.77	80.8	83.6	0.88
8	Top		27.0	55.9	689	74.3	0.82	82.1	82.8	69.7	92.9	95.5	6.96	7.76	7.86	99.2	99.5	7.66	8.66
83	Top		40.7	47.6	56.4	62.3	6.99	6.69	71.8	73.5	74.5	76.1	78.2	81.2	88.8	8.96	99.4	2.66.	8.66
2	7			3.3	7.7	18.5	38.3	62.4	71.3	74.8	77.0	79.3	82.7	0.98	88.7	90.3	92.3	93.5	96.3
28	Top					1.8	5.4	2.7	9.3	12.2	18.4	34.8	64.0	81.3	0.68	93.0	98.2	1.66	99.3

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